

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



## 'First Prize, Date With Belinda...'

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter Belinda who is 16 belongs to a club. There are 25 members, all high school girls between 15 and 18 years of age. They do some interesting things and raise money for good causes. My husband and I always thought it was a worthwhile group.

Last night our daughter told us that they were planning a raffle. The tickets sell for 25 cents apiece. The first prize is a date with Belinda—all expenses paid. My husband was absolutely horrified. He said no daughter of his is going to sell her time like a you-know-what. Frankly, I thought it was a rather ingenious idea and saw nothing wrong with it.

Belinda was terribly disappointed. She thought it was a high honor to have been selected as the "prize." We have decided to leave it up to you. Is it immoral as my husband says? Or is he being square and old-fashioned as my daughter says? — TWO AGAINST ONE

Dear Mother: Sorry, dear, but I just evened the odds. Novel? Yes. But strictly as a mother I wouldn't want my daughter to be raffled off as if she were a kewpie doll at a tent-show. Since the girls seem to be so full of novel ideas, let them think of something else.

Dear Ann Landers: A few days ago one of the women in the office mentioned that she had a fairly expensive handbag which she had carried only a few times. She recently married and her husband doesn't like the bag. She asked me if I could use it and I suggested that she bring it in and I'd see.

This morning she brought the bag in and I liked it. I thanked her warmly for her generosity and told her I appreciated her thinking of me. She then said, "I didn't mean it as a gift. I had in mind selling it to you." We were both terribly embarrassed and I told her I didn't wish to buy it.

All my life I've been giving away clothes. I wouldn't dream of selling anything to a friend. Will you please tell me if I am stupid or if she is just too commercial to be considered a friend? Thank you. — BAGLESS

Dear Bagless: Generally speaking it's a bum idea to sell used articles to a friend. Rarely do both parties feel they made a good deal.

In this instance the girl should have made it clear from the outset that she wanted to sell the bag. Her failure to do this put you in a difficult position and it (Continued on Page 12)



TIME OUT FOR FUN . . . Dior Tri Hi-Y, made up of members of the Junior class at South High School, took a weekend off from their busy schedule for an overnight campout at the Newport Dunes Aquatic Park. Shown relaxing are, from left, Lynn Poser, Jan Johnson, Amy Rodney, Roberta Gartland and Marcia Binford. This YMCA

group has a busy schedule of service projects carrying out their purpose of creating and maintaining high standards of Christian character in home, school and community. Mrs. Laurel Lee Poser serves as their advisor. The group meets each Wednesday afternoon after school.

## Important Program For Moms, Daughters

# YMCA, Of Course It's For Girls, Over 230 Local Maidens Are Busy

Girls in the YMCA?—You bet there are, 6 to 60 years, Mrs. Alpha Renz, Torrance Family YMCA Girls Work director stated recently. Almost a third of the National YMCA membership is women and girls. There were 412,566 girls under 18 years of age in 1962.

Five years ago in Torrance there was one girl's club group in the YMCA. Today, according to Mrs. Renz, there are 14 mother and daughter Y-Indian Maiden Tribes, nine Tri Gra-Y, three Junior Tri-Hi-Y and seven Tri-Hi-Y clubs. This past summer, 231 girls from nine to 17 years of age were camping with the YMCA.

When asked what the girls do in these clubs, Mrs. Renz said, "Basically they meet in small neighborhood groups and work out their own ideas within the framework of the YMCA's philosophy." For example, the Kiowa Y-Indian Maiden Tribe, Mrs. William Dutilleul the Tau, has her moms and daughters busy making liquid embroidery towel sets for the Los Angeles Indian Center as Christmas gifts. Last year they collected canned milk for the Navajo Indian Hospital in National Monument, Arizona. They participate in campouts and inductions. They are active in the council, which coordinates all the Indian Maiden activities and serve as lay helpers at the YMCA office. Maidens is a program for mothers and daughters in

grades 1-3, Tri Gra-Y and Junior Hi-Y clubs are for girls 4-8 grades.

On the high school level girls may join Tri-Hi-Y clubs. Their purpose is to create and maintain high standards of Christian character in home, school and community primarily through service projects of their choice. For example, the Dior's Tri Hi-Y, junior class girls at South High, are very active as leaders in summer camps, serve dinners for Chamber of Commerce, Y Good Neighbor Breakfast, car wash for YMCA World Service, score keepers for Gra-Y leagues, participate in Interclub Council, inductions and Model Youth Legislature. This past week end for relaxation, they had an overnight campout at Newport Dunes Aquatic Park. Mrs. Laurel Lee Poser, the advisor, meets with the club each Wednesday after school. Mr. Poser, by the way, coordinates Junior Hi-Y boys clubs for the YMCA.

"It can't be denied," Mrs. Renz concluded, "that girls are important in the YMCA

and if anyone ever asks, definitely the YMCA is for both the boys and girls of Torrance."



MRS. HARRY LEE HAMILTON, JR.  
... Married at Nativity

(Portrait by Seeman)

## Barnum-Hamilton Names Are Linked in Marriage

Miss Carol Lee Barnum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart G. Barnum, 16802 Wilkie Ave., exchanged her wedding vows with Harry Lee Hamilton, Jr. in a nuptial mass and ceremony at 11 o'clock on Oct. 5 at the Nativity Catholic Church. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hamilton, Sr., 18109 Faysmith Ave., Torrance.

Mr. Barnum escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a traditional wedding gown of Chantilly lace and silk organza. The fitted lace bodice was attached to a bouffant organza skirt, enhanced with the lace appliques, and falling into a chapel train. Her silk illusion veil cascaded from a headpiece consisting of a silk organza rose sprinkled with pearls. A white orchid encircled by tiny white roses and lilies-of-the-valley formed the bridal bouquet.

Mrs. Wilsey Rowe Mitchell, Jr. served as the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Roseann Ashman and Miss Linda Kirkpatrick. Each wore a sheath of sapphire blue taffeta, with overskirts, and their bouquets were of blue spider chrysanthemums.

Sherri Ashman, in white taffeta, was the flower girl and the rings were carried by Robert Poeske.

Stephen Metz stood as best man and ushers were Tom Tomey and Larry Poeske.

The Rev. William O'Toole conducted the marriage and the mass as Mrs. Neil McConlogue played the nuptial music.

A formal reception followed at the parish hall where Miss Peggy Webb registered the guests. At 4 p.m. 65 close friends and relatives were entertained at dinner at the home of the bride's parents.

The newlyweds left for Lake Arrowhead for a short honeymoon before beginning their trip to Browns Mills, New Jersey where the bridegroom is stationed with the United States Air Force.

The bride was graduated from Nativity parochial school, North High school and the Newberry School of Beauty.

Her husband, a graduate of Edison elementary and North High, has three more years of service with the United States Air Force.

# Social World

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JACK O' LANTERN DISPLAY . . . Traditional jack o' lanterns are being made along with other "ghost and goblin" decor by members of the Dianas in preparation for their Halloween party Tuesday evening for the girls at the Las Palmas School. Having fun with the intriguing faces of "Mr. Jack" are from left, Mmes. Eldon Pratt, Diana first vice president, Earl Duke and Philip McBride, all of Torrance. (Herald Photo)

## Plan Weekend At Hot Springs

Leaving next Friday evening for Soboba Hot Springs for a weekend of golfing and other recreation are four local couples, Messrs. and Mmes. Phil Patton, William Crooker, J. A. Eisenbrandt and Delbert Thomsen. Also making the trip will be Beverly Crooker, Mark Patton and Tom Thomsen.

## Home From Trip

Mrs. Mary McDonald, 1626 Beech Ave. returned by plane Sunday afternoon from a 10-day trip to Reno where she visited with relatives and San Francisco where she was the guest of friends.

## Dianas Plan Party

# Celebrate Halloween At Las Palmas School

Redondo Beach Dianas, CFWC, Marina District, Junior Membership, are busy with plans for a gala costume party Tuesday evening at the Las Palmas School for Emotionally Disturbed Girls. The school has been designated as one of the major philanthropies for the Dianas this year. A menu of traditional

Halloween foods consisting of ham rolls, doughnuts, cider and candy apples is being prepared.

The Las Palmas girls expressed a desire for the Halloween party again this year complete with costumes and games such as bobbing for apples.

The girls will receive individual gifts as favors as well as cottage gifts, records and subscriptions to favorite magazines.

Co-chairmen for the event are Mmes. Raymond Williams and Joseph Carrier. They are being assisted by Mmes. John Hansford, Charles Hillinger, Arthur Callen and Miss Sara Mitchell.

## Purgason-Shepherd Vows Read in Baptist Service

In a candlelight ceremony at 8 o'clock on Sept. 28 at the Western Avenue Baptist Church, Miss Virginia Lee Purgason of Torrance became the bride of Thomas George Shepherd. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Purgason, McMinnville, Oregon. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Shepherd, 1552 W. 215th St., Torrance.

The Rev. Charles Hughes officiated at the marriage as Jimmy Roberts, organist, played the wedding music and accompanied Donna Stephens, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Wedding Prayer."

Mr. Purgason escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a floor length white organza wedding gown fashioned with a lace bodice, featuring a square neckline and long pointed sleeves. The lace also enhanced the bouffant skirt. A pearl tiara held the illusion veil and the bride carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums, roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Karen Hintz was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Alice Groverman and Debbie Dandoy. All of the attendants wore Kelly green satin and their bouquets were of tiny green and white chrysanthemums. Janis Purgason was flower girl.

Jerry Hickman stood as best man and ushers were Mike Connors and Ralph Davis. The rings were carried by Bobby Dandoy.

After the marriage, a reception was held in the hall at the church. A buffet supper followed at the home of the bride's parents for relatives and members of the bridal party.

The newlyweds spent a



MRS. THOMAS GEORGE SHEPHERD

... at Home in Lomita

(Portrait by Seeman)



MR., MRS. THOMAS MATHEW AND CRAIG  
... At Heidelberg Castle